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SUBJECT: UN HUMANITARIAN AID TO SOUTHEAST ASIA

REF: STERMER/KLEIN TELECONS OF SEPTEMBER 18, 19, 1975.

1. THERE FOLLOWS A PRESS RELEASE OF AN APPEAL BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL FOR 10 MILLION DOLLARS OF EMERGENCY FOOD AID FOR LAOS. THI IS ADDITIVE TO SYG' EARLIER APPEAL FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SOUTHEK T ESIA, ESTIMATED AT 100 MILLION DOLLARS. PRESS RELEASE, DATED JULY 18, INADVERTENTLY NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TO DEPARTMENT.

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SECRETARY
GENERAL MAKES FURTHER APPEAL FOR HUMANITARIAN
ASSISTANCE TO INDO-CHINA

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A STATEMENT ISSUED TODAY BY
SECRETARY GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM:

ON 31 MARCH 1975, I APPEALED TO GOVERNMENTS AND INDIVIDUALS
EVERYWHERE FOR INCREASED HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO MEET THE
ESSENTIAL NEEDS OF MILLIONS OF INNOCENT PERSONS IN INDO-
CHINA, WHO FOUND THEMSELVES IN SUCH TRAGIC CONDITIONS OF
DEPRIVATION AND SUFFERING. ON 7 APRIL 1975, THE EXECUTIVE
HEADS OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND (UNICEF)
AND THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES
(UNHCR) -- THE TWO UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES PRIMARILY
INVOLVED IN HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES IN THIS AREA --
REITERATED MY URGENT APPEAL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS IN CASH AND
KIND, AND ALSO ELABORATED THE NATURE OF THEIR OWN OPERATIONS.

AS FURTHER INFORMATION BECAME AVAILABLE, I INDICATED IN MY
RENEWED APPEAL OF 07 APRIL 1975 THAT, IN THE IMMEDIATE PHASE,

DOLS 100 MILLION MIGHT BE NEEDED TO MEET ESSENTIAL REQUIRE-
MENTS, EXCLUDING BULK FOOD SUPPLIES.

IN RESPONSE TO THESE APPEALS, PLEDGES OF SOME DOLS 35
MILLION HAVE BEEN MADE IN CASH AND KIND. I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL
TO THOSE DONORS, PARTICULARLY GOVERNMENTS AND FAO/WFP,

WHOSE GENEROSITY HAS ENABLED THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM TO
PROVIDE MUCH NEEDED FOOD, MEDICAL AND OTHER EMERGENCY SUPPLIES
TO PEOPLE IN INDO-CHINA.

WITHIN THE LAST FEW DAYS, I HAVE RECEIVED A SPECIFIC REQUEST
FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF LAOS FOR EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE,
WHICH WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY DOLS 10 MILLION. VIRTUALLY
ALL THE RESOURCES AT MY DISPOSAL IN THE SPECIAL ACCOUNT
FOR THE INDO-CHINA RELIEF OPERATION HAVE NOW BEEN COMMITTED,
AND UNLESS I RECEIVE FURTHER CONTRIBUTIONS IT WILL NOT BE
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POSSIBLE TO RESPOND TO THIS NEW EMERGENCY. I THEREFORE
APPEAL ONCE MORE TO GOVERNMENTS AND OTHER DONORS WHO
ARE WILLING TO HELP THE PEOPLE OF INDO-CHINA TO PROVIDE
ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE AS A MATTER OF URGENCY. INQUOTE
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